

There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

## Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

The concert in the Normal chapel on July 13 by the Apollo Club of Salem proved very enjoyable. This organization, which is well known in the valley, is just closing a successful season under the direction of Dr. John R. Sites. The members were all enthusiastically received by the Normal audience—perhaps "The Lost Chord" was a little more appreciated than any other.

President Landers returned Tuesday from a visit to the summer school at Ashland.

Miss Brenton gave a talk at the chapel hour last Thursday which was instructive and most entertaining as well. She discussed the making of posters and their several uses in school activities, illustrating her remarks with various posters which have been made under her supervision in the Art Department.

Dr. Russell M. Brower of Los Angeles, who is speaking this summer at the White Temple Baptist Church in Portland, visited the Normal on Tuesday and addressed the students at the chapel hour that day. His concrete illustrations and definite statements as well as his humor proved very popular with his audience.

"Across the Continent" is the title of a motion picture to be shown in the chapel Friday evening, July 21. This picture was recently shown at the Columbia in Portland and was much liked there. The leading part is played by Wallace Reid.

Mr. G. A. Burkhead, an alumnus of the Normal who is visiting relatives in Monmouth, spoke at the chapel hour on Tuesday. Mr. Burkhead is doing a unique kind of educational work at Stockton, California as head of the station there for the training of disabled soldiers in agriculture. He described some interesting phases of the work in detail.

Miss Agnes Smith, '21, spent the week-end with Miss Edith Bragg of the library staff.

Ten Odd Fellows in two cars was Monmouth's contribution to the caravan that journeyed to Portland Sunday to visit the Odd Fellow's home in that city. Dallas furnished twenty five members in five cars. Independence one car and Ballston one car. Those who made the trip report a very fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. David Foulks and Mrs. Ground of Portland were visiting with relatives here Tuesday. They came with Rev. Brower who appeared at Normal chapel that morning and who is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Foulks.

The Powell orchard operated jointly by Dr. J. M. and Ira C. Powell has been a busy place for the past two weeks. A force of fifteen have been busy picking cherries which have been delivered to the cannery in Salem. The yield is expected to be from eight to ten tons.

Arrangements have practically been concluded by which the Normal will take over the school at Rickreall for practice teaching. Mrs. Ethel Miller of Gresham and Miss Grace Parker are to be the teachers.

Douglas & Fishback of West Salem, who have the contract to build Ira C. Powell's residence, started in Monday with a force of four men and expect to rush things for a while. This work has been delayed by difficulty in getting some of the material.

## Everybody Pleased

The Salem Apollo club surely had no reason to complain of the reception given their appearance in the Normal chapel last Thursday evening. The applause meted out to the different numbers was generous and at times reached the proportions of an ovation. There were thirty four men in the chorus with Dr. John R. Sites as conductor and Miss Ruth Bedford as accompanist on the piano.

All the numbers received hearty applause from the Pilgrim's Chorus from "Tannhauser" to Pinsuti's "Good Night, Beloved." However, the humorous numbers were especially well received and had to be repeated to satisfy the audience.

## Pendleton Rival in Dallas "Round-Up"

July 28, 29 and 30 a three day's round-up will be staged in Dallas under the management of Ray and Wilson, both experienced in this line of entertainment. A large number of the best men and girl riders of the northwest will compete for the \$1,000 in prizes that are to be offered. A string of 50 horses, some of them the wildest in the state, have been secured to furnish entertainment of an exciting nature. A carnival feature has been secured for the entire three days, including a Ferris wheel, side shows, a merry go round and a thousand and one other means for creating fun, with concessions aplenty scattered over the county fair grounds where the round-up will be held. Dancing in the big new pavilion on Friday and Saturday evenings. Music will be furnished by an 18 piece band from Molalla.

Among the numerous attractions to be offered are a famous Indian rope spinner, bucking contests, bulldogging, maverick races, bull riding, cowboy Roman races, ladies bucking horse riding, free-for-all-half-mile cowboy races and cowgirl races. The riders will include the best in central and southern Oregon. Three days of solid fun and enjoyment. First big event of like nature ever held in county. Season or single admission tickets will be on sale.

## The Mountaineers

Rev. Lewis took his congregation with him Sunday evening on an imaginary trip to the mountains of Western Kentucky. Mr. Lewis spent two and a half years in Breathitt and Owlesy counties in that state and judging from his reminiscences had a full measure of experiences. He told of his long ride from the depot to the scene of his first pastorate, the ride being taken in a wagon with solid wheels and a board for a seat, of the impression an automobile made on the mountaineers, of the celebrations which the neighborhood indulged in at funerals, weddings and "wakes", of his experiences at protracted meetings, of the opposition of the people to any change from their accustomed modes of living and religious worship and closed with a description of the loneliness of the cemeteries with their unmarked graves their background of people, old before their time, living in an age two hundred years past, believing in witches and bygone superstitions. Saw mills, however, are invading the mountain fastnesses and he saw in their contact with the mountain people, a chance for improvement and relief from their long isolation.

Harold Herren who is one of the best gas engine men in Oregon and who is working on a boat which runs out of Astoria, was a visitor with his mother in this city this week.

## Teach Service Men Practical Farming

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burkhead and small son arrived last week for a visit with Mr. Burkhead's mother and other relatives in this vicinity. They are from Oakland, California and came by automobile, taking three days to make the trip. Mr. Burkhead is a member of the faculty of a vocational training school designed to teach ex-service men whether or not they can succeed as farmers. The school aims at practical instruction and has eleven hundred acres in the delta region near Stockton. At present it has eighty students with a faculty numbering eight, but has the facility for handling two hundred would be farmers. The school prides itself on its practical work. The peculiarities of climate and soil conditions are taken into consideration and the student taught how to cope with and overcome difficulties that arise in every day work. They are taught how to handle stock, including chickens, pigs, sheep, etc. and methods of feeding and care of stock are not overlooked. They are taught up to date methods, peculiar to the climate they plan to work in for cultivating, planting, fertilizing and harvesting of crops. It is said this is the first school of the kind in the country and as it proves successful is apt to be imitated in other states.

## Second Visit

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Misner of Arapahoe, Nebraska, have been visiting with Mrs. Misner's brother Nathan Prime and family and with Walter and Tina Brown. They were here for a month and arrived in time for the Chautauqua. They visited Monmouth a year ago also and took in our annual entertainment course, evidently finding it good enough to come back to. Last Thursday they left for Chiloquin to visit with J. S. Prime and family for ten days. From there they go to Southern California to spend the winter with their youngest daughter and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Dempsey of Lone, Oregon, visited this week with Mrs. Dempsey's sisters, Mrs. M. E. Percival and Mrs. H. E. Guthrie.

## City's Board Walks Ordered Replaced

Over a mile of concrete sidewalk was ordered in by the City Council at an adjourned session held last Tuesday evening. To detail the amount exactly there are 5,500 feet on frontage in the list advertised in this issue of the Herald. When this is put in there will be practically no more board walks in the city.

Only one application was filed for the office of city marshal, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. O. Andrus. C. E. Stewart had a petition with over a hundred signatures and his appointment by the mayor was confirmed by the council. Discretion in the enforcement of ordinances was impressed on him.

The water pipes close to the intake were reported in bad condition and the water superintendent was instructed to investigate and repair at an early date.

Through representatives J. W. Pember complained that curbs placed before his property on Broad street were not on a level as they should be. An effort to locate the blame for this appeared fruitless and the council promised to see that the matter was righted.

Walter Brown is concluding his packing this week for removal to Chiloquin where he expects to continue his business as jeweler. Mr. Brown has been a resident here for ten years past and will be missed by many.

E. L. Comstock has a job as head sawyer in the Simpson mill near Airlie and his two sons are working in the same mill.

N. A. Nelson of Salem is helping Fred Huber with his work.

Mrs. Greta G. Poff and small son Gordon of Spokane and Glenva Gray of Portland, spent the past two weeks visiting their cousins, Walter Brown and sister, Miss Tina Brown.

Mrs. C. E. Herren accompanied her son Harold for a visit to Seaside this week.

J. A. Baker of Portland is assisting during the summer season at the barber shop.

Mr. Sieverson of Eugene is visiting with relatives in this city.

## Volunteers

Last Saturday morning saw an exodus of distinguished citizens of Monmouth to Dallas. According to due notice the examination of applicants for the job of postmaster of Monmouth was conducted there. Those of our people who armed themselves [with pencils, note pads and legal cap paper and faced the examiner were Mrs. F. Huber, O. A. Wolverton, A. M. Arant, E. W. Strong, Philip Schweitzer and James Hinkle. The examination is said to have been easy and all local competitors are expecting a grade of ninety at least.

## Syron is Strongly For Lower Taxes

J. C. Syron, democratic nominee for the legislature, was a visitor in Monmouth Monday getting acquainted. Mr. Syron is a native of Polk county and has spent most of his life in the neighborhood of Ballston. In his youth he worked as a carpenter and for six years after the San Francisco fire he did construction work in that city. Returning to Polk county he bought a small tract of land in the Red Prairie country and set it out to prunes.

He did not seek the nomination for the legislature but his name was written in by citizens who thought he was of the proper stuff and would make a good run for the job.

He is strong for lower taxes and if elected says he will do his best to help make government less expensive. A recent issue of the Sheridan Sun has the following to say of Mr. Syron:

"There is no class of men so sure of dividends as the tillers of the soil if they use fair judgment and energy and prudence. The soil and the sunlight and the mode of tillage are not governed by Wall street in New York, or the makers of silver in the west. The tiller of the soil is independent and equally happy and contented. Probably this fact was never demonstrated more clearly than upon the farm of J. G. Syron located in the Red Prairie country. Mr. Syron owns 46 acres of the rich red soil entirely adapted to the production of fruit, and for his occupation is growing a five acre apple orchard, and plums and about 30 acres of prunes. He is a well informed man, keeping in close touch with the markets of the world, and is very optimistic in his expression regarding the conditions this season. Mr. Syron is the democratic candidate for representative in the lower house from Polk county, but has not been dividing his time between his farm and the campaign. The latter has been left to take care of itself. However, he is likely to take a seat in the legislature next winter."

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Robinson and daughter, Miss Hazel of Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived in Monmouth last Sunday evening. They have moved into their cottage on Broad street and plan to spend the rest of the summer. Although the Robinsons have not lived here for some years they say that Monmouth still seems like home to them.

Cherry growers are closing up a busy season this week. The crop, while not a large one, has been ample and growers have received eight and nine cents a pound. Thomas Boulden has one tree on the Lewis property which paid the taxes on the place and enough more to pay for the trouble of picking.

A. L. Miller who plans to start for the scene of his mining operations near Gates has been delayed this week because of an attack of quinsy.

## Two Ex-Residents Buried This Week

Mrs. Mary H. Meador, long a resident of Monmouth, died at her home in Vancouver, Washington, July 17. She underwent an operation two years ago for adhesions of the bowels and never fully recovered. She was born December 5, 1869 in Douglas county but spent the most of her life here. She graduated from the Normal and taught in various schools of the state. She is survived by two sons, Virgil and Homer of Vancouver, Washington, and one brother, Silas T. Coats of this city. She also has two half-brothers living. It was nine years ago that she moved from Monmouth.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:30 P. M. in the Community Baptist church and burial was in the K. P. cemetery.

Charles Hiatt Morris died at his home in Dallas on Sunday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock, the immediate cause of his death being complications arising from kidney troubles.

He had been in failing health for some time, but the sickness preceding his death was only of about two weeks duration.

Mr. Morris was born near Turner, Marion county, Oregon, on March 24, 1867, and at the time of death was 55 years, 3 months and 21 days of age.

He was married to Miss Minnie D. Siefarth of Dallas, one November 12, 1893, and immediately after his marriage started in the jewelry business in that city, selling out about two years ago and retiring from active participation in business. He is survived by two brothers, Oscar Morris of Salem and George Morris of near Turner. His wife also survives him.

Funeral services were held from the Dallas Christian church of which denomination he was an active member, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Morris had many friends in Monmouth and was a frequent visitor here. He was at one time in the jewelry business in this city and left Monmouth at the time of his marriage to set up in business in Dallas.

F. A. Elliott, state forester, this week circled the forests of Polk county in a plane operated by Captain Smith, in charge of the planes working out of Eugene on fire duty. Mr. Elliott came from Eugene by airplane Wednesday. Thursday he was in Portland.

Officials of the state forester's office said that five planes are at present working out of Eugene and that two more are expected soon from Camp Lewis. The worst fire in the state is at present raging on Herman creek, in Hood River county, it was stated.

Sheriff John W. Orr and Deputies Chase and Craven were called to the vicinity of Independence Monday by the actions of W. H. Richards, who threatened to kill one of his near neighbors, William Moad, both men living in the vicinity of Hopville, a short distance this side of Buena Vista. Owing to trouble of some standing there had been a bad spirit between the two men, resulting in making the threat by Richards. He was armed and standing in the roadway waiting for Moad and also threatening to kill any one interfering with his intentions. The sheriff and his deputies took him into custody early Tuesday morning and took him to Dallas where he will be held pending court action.

Jesse Simpson of Walla Walla was a visitor with his mother, Mrs. M. A. Simpson this week.

**ROCKEFELLER TODAY**

Richest man in the world poses for this special picture at 83



John D. Rockefeller attended church at Tarrytown, N. Y., on Sunday following his 83d birthday, July 8. He made it the occasion to do his bit for humanity, even though it caused him to break a rule of long standing of not posing for pictures. He bargained with newspaper men, agreeing to pose for this special picture if they would attend church with him. It is health, not wealth, that now interests the retired oil magnate.